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PRODUCT IDs. CORE PRODUCT IDs	
2001 ~ PRODUCT ID #1	~2002 789
PRODUCT ID #2	790
PRODUCT ID #3	788
2000 ~
PRODUCT ID #N	790

FIG. 2

3001 CORE ID	3002 DOMAIN	3003 ATTR 1	3004 ATTR 2	...	3005 ATTR N
789	laptop	cpu	disp		mem
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FIG. 4A is a block diagram of a data structure 4000. The data structure 4000 is divided into two main sections: a header section 4001 and a data section 4002. The header section 4001 contains fields for PROD ID 1, PROD ID 2, PROD ID N, mval list 1, mval list 2, and mval list N. The data section 4002 contains fields for ATTR 1 mval, ATTR 2 mval, ATTR N mval, val 1 prod 1, val 2 prod 1, val 2 prod 2, and val N prod N. Brackets indicate that the header section 4001 and the data section 4002 are part of a larger structure 4000.

4009

4007

4003, 4001, 4005

PROD ID 1	PROD ID 2	PROD ID N	mval list 1	mval list 2	mval list N	val 1 prod 1	val 2 prod 1	val 2 prod 2	val N prod N
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ATTR 1 mval	ATTR 2 mval	ATTR N mval	val 1 prod 1	val 2 prod 1	val 2 prod 2	val N prod N
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FIG. 4A

4013

4101

4102

VALUE	CHARACTER STRING
2	PENTIUM
293	PENTIUM III
7693	500 MHz
301	766 MHz
6598	CPU
12002	MEMORY
964	256 MB
7873	TOSHIBA MODEL "X"
,	,
,	,
,	,

4100

FIG. 4B

FIG. 5

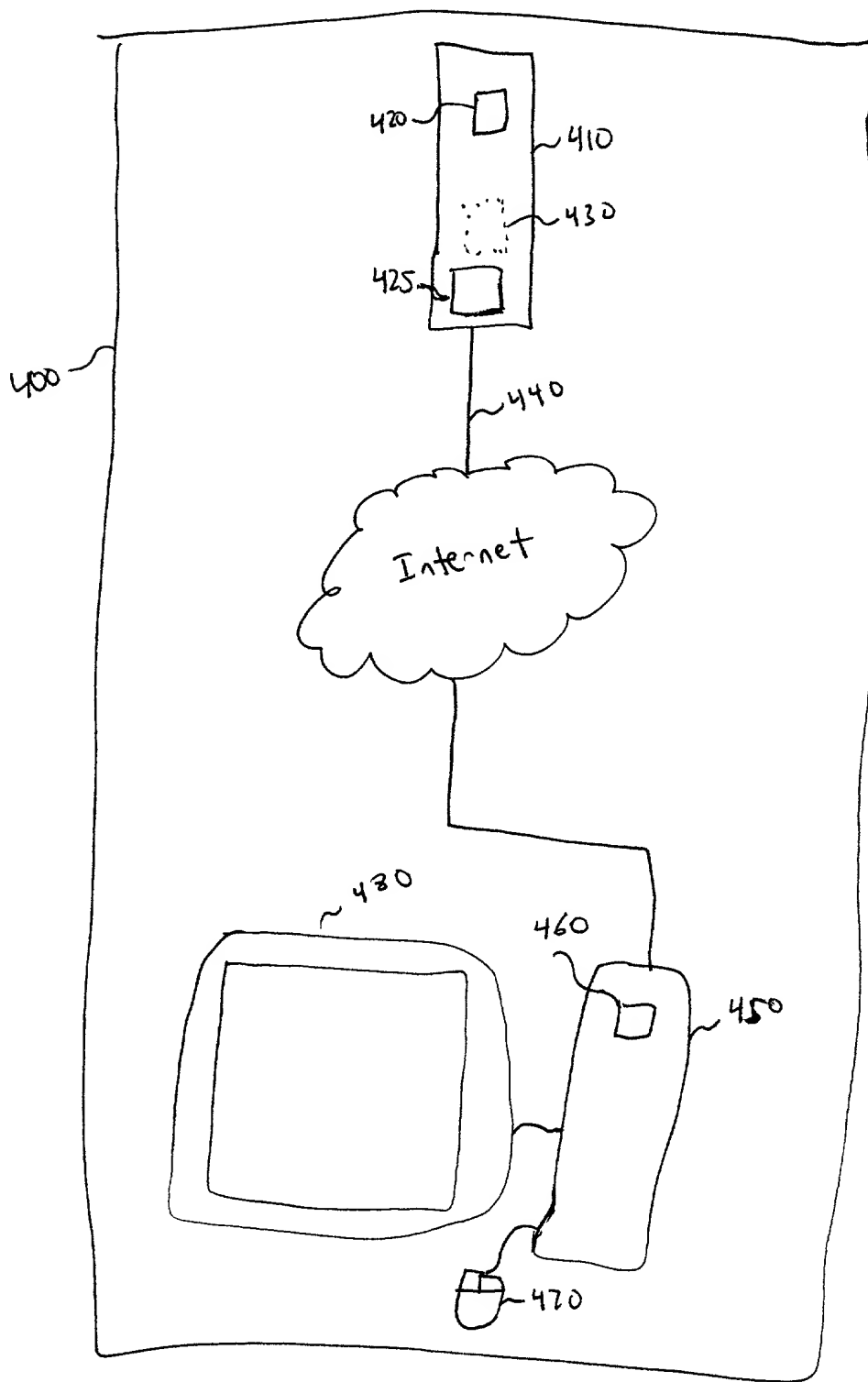


FIG. 6



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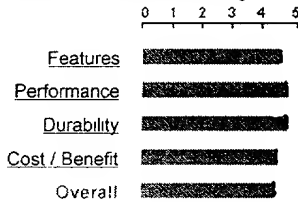
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LOGGED IN USER NAME, from New York, New York,
December 1, 1999

This is the best!

I've had my G4 for 1 month. Never had a single problem with it, and it's very powerful. Like a fair number of users, I use both Mac and Windows NT extensively. The only thing the Windows machines have on the G4 is the price -- and that's quickly made up for in time savings. Get past the Mac vs. PC prejudices and bigotry and go USE them for yourself. Some of the interesting Mac myths I've found to be untrue: 1) you have to have Windows to be compatible with the Windows world (many programs, such as Word, will read a document created on another platform, and Macs read Windows disks); 2) Macs are toys for elementary users (they're actually quite powerful machines that do everything any other machine can do); 3) There's no software for the Mac (I've been able to find Mac versions of every piece of software I need -- I only have a Windows emulator for testing my cross-platform CD-ROM projects).

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By Michael Flaminio, *Insanely Great Mac*, November 22, 1999

FIG. 7A

Vendor Information

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Name:

71~address: street

City, State

72~telephone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

73~ships: Air or Ground mail

74~Accepted Payment: Cash, Credit Card, Check

75~Return Policy: 30 days

76~Rating: 4.2

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Products	Price	Availability
10 Computer A	\$ 1000 ~80	Yes ~150
10 Computer B	\$ 2000 ~80	No ~150
10 Computer C	\$ 3000 ~80	Yes ~150

FIG. 7B.

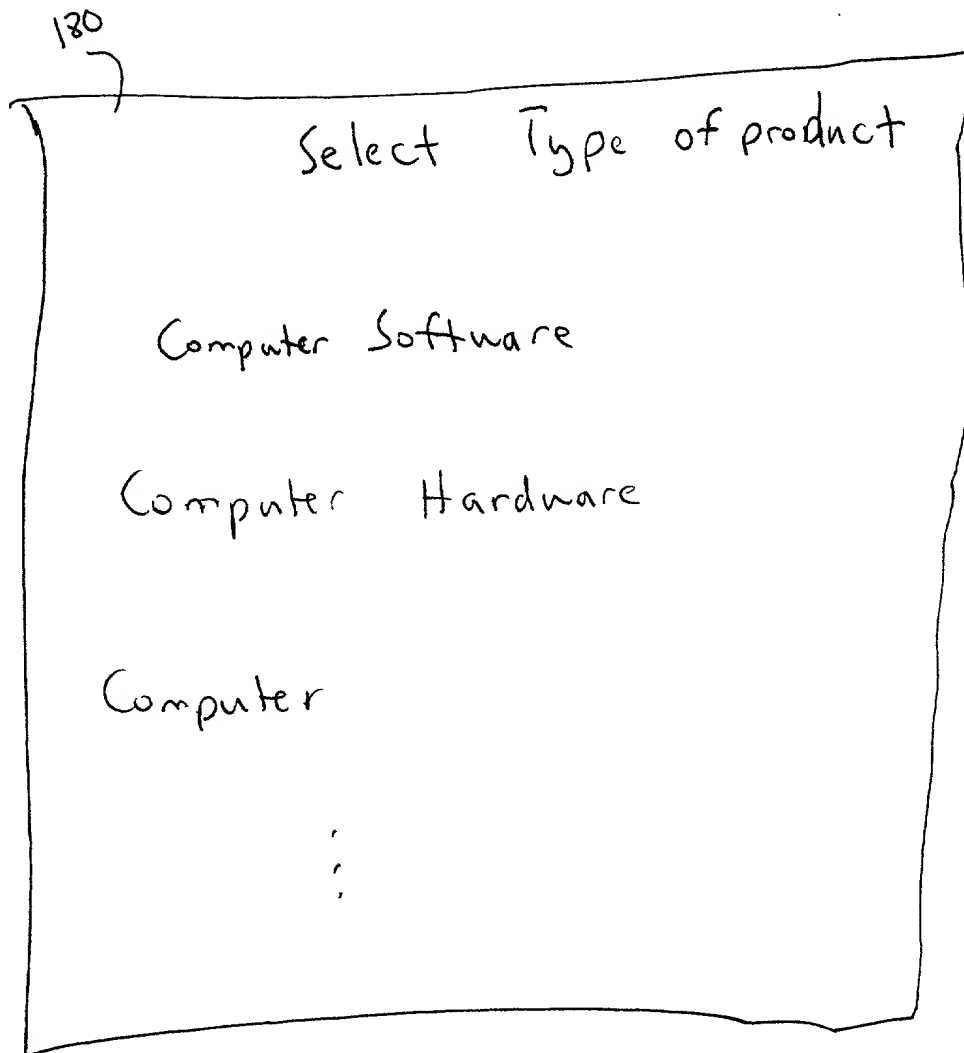


FIG. 7C.

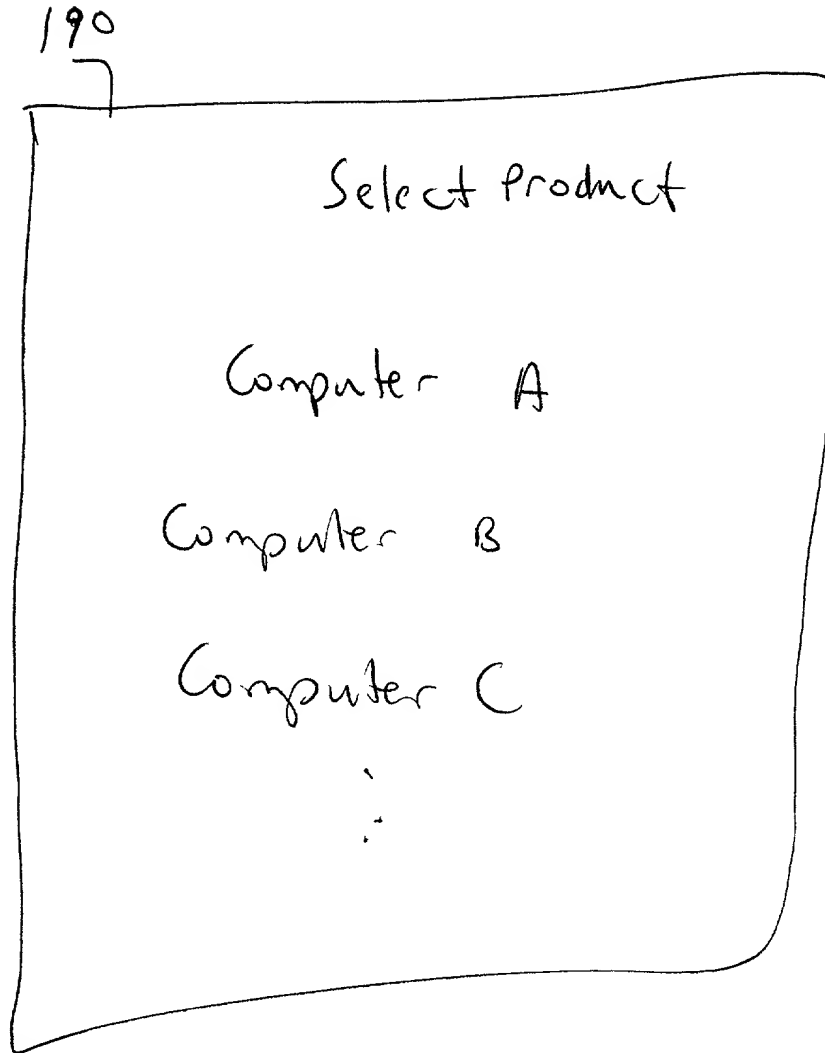
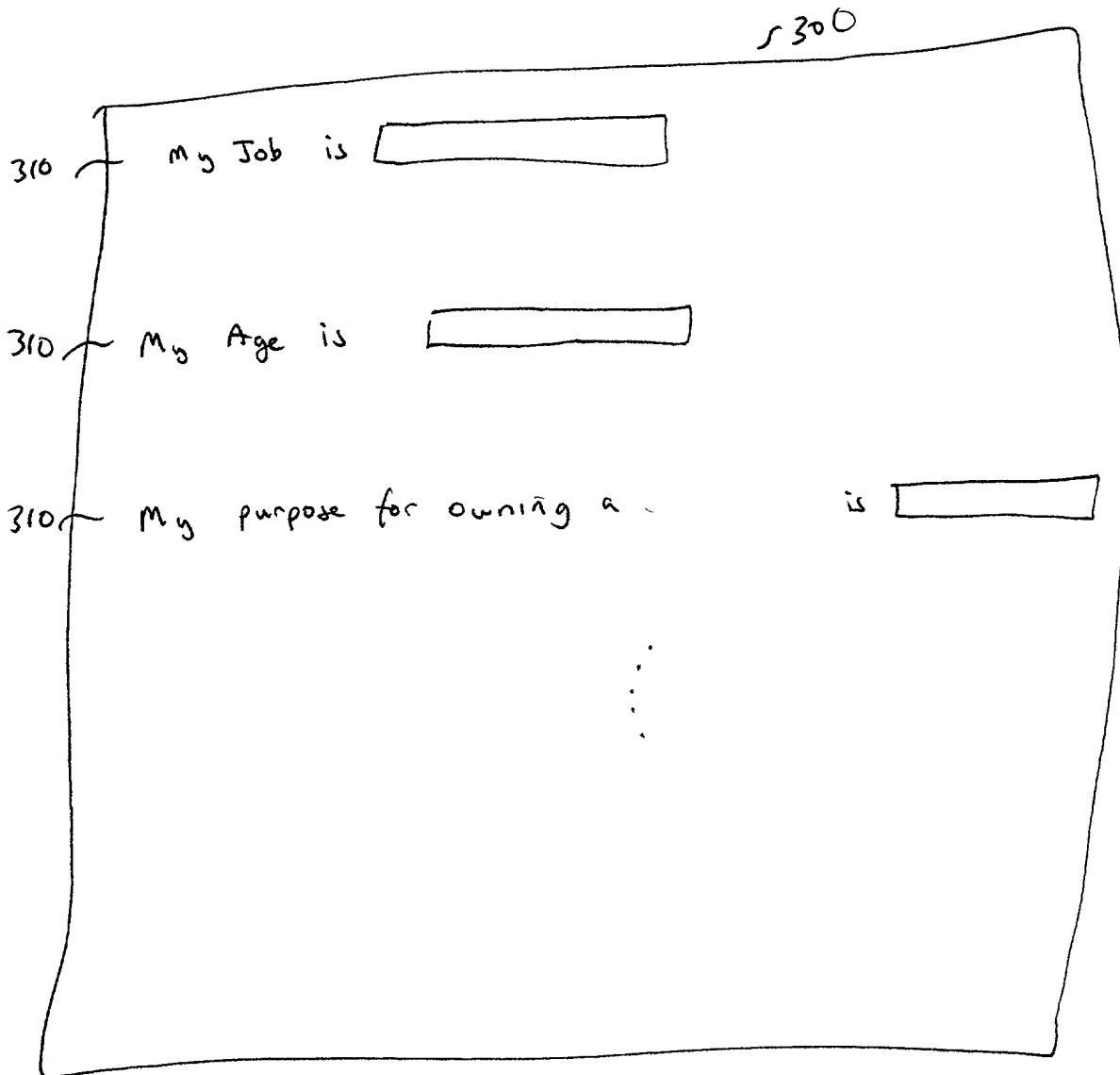


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FIG. 9

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Desired Features

161 Computer Operating System:

161 Computer Price:

161 Computer Memory:

161 Computer Storage Size:

161 Monitor Size:

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